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25X1 1. Prior to 8 November 1952, [redacted] no changes had occurred at the division headquarters in the former post hospital at the intersection of Karl Liebknecht and Fehrbellin Strasse in Neuruppin. Lieutenant Colonel (Ods) Salas'ov (fnu) who previously stated that he would return to the U.S.S.R., was still on duty. The building of the guard of the division headquarters was occupied by a Russian bank. The building previously occupied by the Russian bank was now occupied by uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Captain Chesnokov (fnu) was chief, and Senior Lieutenant Astafyev (fnu) deputy chief, of the Kech housed at 4 Liebknecht Strasse.<sup>1</sup>

25X1 2. [redacted] the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee was occupied by Units Nikitin, Grebenshchikov, Zadorozhni, Dyukov, Fedonenko, Toropov, Shukov and Shcherbashin. [redacted] the first four units had about twice as much billeting equipment as the other four units. The workshop unit of Lieutenant Colonel (Tech) Shcherbashin (fnu) [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Grebenshchikov (fnu) referred to his regiment as the 66th Regt. There were four main kitchens in the billeting area, namely Kitchen Dyukov, [redacted] in house No A-1, referred to as kitchen 1; Kitchen Grebenshchikov in house No A-7, referred to as kitchen 2; Kitchen Zadorozhni in house No A-9, referred to as kitchen 3; and Kitchen Nikitin, [redacted] in house No A-15, referred to as kitchen 4. Kitchen Toropov in house No A-12 is considerably smaller than the kitchens mentioned above; it feeds 200 men at the most, while the other kitchens mess not less than 1,000 men. [redacted] Twenty JS-3 tanks stood in garages Nos B-8 and B-9 and 12 other armored vehicles with JS chassis were in shop No 10. The barracks installation appeared to be occupied by about 4,000 men on 8 October.<sup>2</sup>

25X1 3. Prior to 8 November, the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknecht Strasse was occupied by [redacted] supply officer was Lieutenant Colonel (Ods) Dobrovolski (fnu), and Unit Zemyonov. [redacted] MCCs of this unit were detached to Centzrode in October and during the first week of November. Supply officer Dobrovolski was also there most of the time. [redacted] these elements 25X1 were transferred to establish a SBORNUE Point. to transfers to Centzrode from other barracks installation at the post were observed.<sup>3</sup>

4. Prior to 8 November, the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse quartered Units Zultanov, Balayev and Dzhurumzhi. The installation was not occupied to capacity. On 7 November, only 250 men were seen marching out of the billeting area to participate in a ceremony of the military post.<sup>4</sup>

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5. Other Soviet units observed at the post prior to 8 November included Unit Berevenkov in the Telegrafenberg; Unit Chubukov in the district Komendatura; Unit Lebedyev in Bulow Castle; Unit Kondakov in the girls' high school and Unit Boginski in Gentzrode.<sup>5</sup>

6. Prior to 2 November, the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse was only partially occupied. One building was about two thirds occupied, another one was vacant. Prior to 2 November, individual groups of 50 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, were seen engaged in basic infantry training without arms, physical exercises and march practice.

7. On 1 November, the main building of the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknecht Strasse was occupied to capacity. All windows were lighted in the evening. Two covered T-34 tanks stood in the barracks yard.

8. On 2 November, the cantonment on Scholten Strasse was vacant; all gates were closed. No soldiers were noticed. the cantonment was not used at that time. 3 X 37-mm AA guns in the AAA emplacement on Scholten Strasse. On 29 October, 30 soldiers received instruction on a T-34 tank which stood at the emplacement.

9. From 28 October to 1 November, the former girls' school on Pusckin Strasse quartered only a guard detail. There was no training activity or vehicular traffic.<sup>5</sup>

10. At the beginning of October, during the summer, a tank unit from Parchim had been stationed in Zecklin which returned to its home station after 23 October.<sup>6</sup>

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